

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP)



Federal law requires each state to have a Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP) for the purpose of advising state special education staff and policymakers regarding the education of children with disabilities.

Duties of the SEAP include:

- Advising the state of unmet needs in the education of children with disabilities
- Commenting publicly on any state rules or regulations regarding the education of children with disabilities
- Advising the state regarding federal monitoring data collection and developing corrective action plans to remedy any findings identified in federal monitoring
- Advising the state in developing and implementing policies relating to the coordination of services for children with disabilities

A majority of the members of the panel must be individuals with disabilities or parents of children with disabilities (age 0-26).

Members must include at least:

- Parents of children with disabilities (ages birth through 26)
- Individuals with disabilities
- Teachers
- Representatives of institutions of higher education that prepare special education and related services personnel
- State and local education officials, including officials who carry out activities under subtitle B of title VII of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq.)
- Administrators of programs for children with disabilities
- Representatives of other state agencies involved in the financing or delivery of related services to children with disabilities
- Representatives of private schools and public charter schools
- Not less than 1 representative of a vocational, community, or business organization concerned with the provision of transition services to children with disabilities
- A representative from the state child welfare agency responsible for foster care
- Representatives from the state juvenile and adult corrections agencies

For more information about the SEAP or other matters concerning special education, contact ADAP.